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SUBJECT: QUESTION OF PLA PARTICIPATION IN CURRENT IDEOLOGICAL DEBATE

1. CONTRARY TO THE IMPRESSION GIVEN IN CLAIRE HOLLINGWORTH'S PEKING-DATELINED AP DESPATCH (FEBRUARY 22), ACTIVE PLA UNIT PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST "CAPITALIST ROADERS IN THE PARTY" IS NOT CALLED FOR IN THE FEBRUARY 21 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLES. THE THREE ARTICLES ALSO DO NOT SIGNIFY A CALL FOR ACTION ON THE PART OF THE PLA AS A WHOLE AND ARE ALL BY INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS OF A FORMER ANTI-LIN/CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN MODEL UNIT. THE ARTICLES COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY OTHER NON-PLA UNITS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE DEBATE.

2. THE ARTICLES ARE DISTINCTLY NON-INFLAMMATORY AND, THOUGH TYPICAL CRITICISM LANGUAGE OF THE 1974 CAMPAIGN WHICH THEIR UNIT CHAMPIONED. WE FEEL IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE
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ARTICLES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SUMMON UP MAJOR PLA ACTIVITY

IN THE CAMPAIGN IN AND OF THEMSELVES.
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